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*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) A memorial was received in one individual case; the request made in it was refused.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. As regards the second part, the Government have no reason to think that well-founded claims of any class of Government servants receive other than sympathetic consideration from heads of departments and so do not propose to make the suggested exhortation.

*Re-entertainment of Messrs. Muthuswami and Krishna Doss in the Registration department of Madura.*

*1371 *Q.*—Mr. L. K. Tulasiram: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to question No. 923 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st day of October 1927—

(*a*) whether M. Muthuswami and A. Krishna Doss, acting clerks employed in the Registration department of the Madura district, are members of the backward classes; and

(*b*) whether M. Muthuswami had been declared duly qualified for public service under the Public Service Notification in pursuance of the orders passed by the Inspector-General of Registration, dated 17th July 1924?

*A.*—(*a*) They belong to castes which, for the purpose of educational concessions in school-fees, have been classed as backward.

(*b*) Yes: but he had not one year's continuous or two years' aggregate acting service on 16th November 1926.

## Reforms

*The Statutory Commission.*

*1372 *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government had any correspondence with the Central Government regarding either the personnel or work or both of the Statutory Commission appointed under section 84-A of the Government of India Act of 1919;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay it or at least such part of it as is not marked 'Confidential' on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether the Government of Madras objected to the exclusion of Indians from the Commission?

*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative.

## Staff Selection Board

*Medical certificates produced by candidates applying to the Staff Selection Board.*

*1373 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates who send their applications to the Staff Selection Board are required to produce certificates of physical fitness from Commissioned Medical Officers or Civil Surgeons in charge of a district;

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(*b*) what fees have to be paid for such certificates;

(*c*) whether the Staff Selection Board refuse to accept certificates granted by the Assistant District Medical Officer, during the absence of the District Medical Officer from the station;

(*d*) whether candidates who are selected for any post have to undergo another medical examination before appointment; and

(*e*) whether in the first instance a certificate from any registered medical practitioner will not suffice for the purpose of keeping out applicants who are physically unfit?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1100, Public, dated 12th November 1925, which is placed on the table of the House.[a]

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In respect of clerical posts the certificates to be produced under G.O. No. 1100, Public, dated 12th November 1925, before the Staff Selection Board, may be accepted by the appointing authorities as sufficient and then no further medical examination is necessary before confirmation. The notifications inviting applications for other posts lay down in each case what medical certificates will be required; in some cases a candidate finally selected for appointment has to appear before a Medical Board before actual appointment.

(*e*) No. Under subsidiary rule 2 to Fundamental Rule 10, the certificate required before any person, except a military pensioner, may be appointed (otherwise than as a menial paid from contingencies) to a permanent post under Government must ordinarily be signed by a Commissioned Medical Officer, or a Civil Medical Officer of rank not lower than a Civil Surgeon or a District Medical Officer; if the suggestion in the question were adopted, the certificate accepted by the Staff Selection Board could no longer be regarded as sufficient for this purpose.

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## Survey and Settlement

*Abolition of the V Survey Party.*

* 1374 *Q.*—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the V Survey Party has been abolished;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the grounds for abolition;

(*c*) whether the abolition of any other party is under contemplation;

(*d*) how many officers, sub-assistants, head surveyors, deputy surveyors, and field surveyors have had their services dispensed with by the abolition of the party, and how many have been retained and attached to other parties;

(*e*) on what principle certain men were retained and others thrown out; and

(*f*) what is the net saving per year by the abolition of the party?

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 222–223 infra.